



## Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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Sincerely,

Vince Matthews  
Director

### Idaho Milk Production Down 2.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during September 2009 totaled 1.01 billion pounds, a 2.3 percent decrease from the same month last year and 4.8 percent below August 2009. August 2009 milk production was 1.06 billion pounds, unchanged from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in September 2009 was 1,850 pounds, down 20 pounds from September 2008. The average number of milk cows during September was 547,000 head, down 1,000 head from the revised August 2009 and down 7,000 head from September 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from September 2008. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from August 2008. The August revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2

percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,672 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 168,000 head less than September 2008, and 32,000 head less than August 2009.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2008-2009

Month	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	534	554	1,870	1,810	999	1,003	0.4
February <sup>3/</sup>	537	549	1,750	1,640	940	900	-4.3
March	540	550	1,885	1,840	1,018	1,012	-0.6
April	543	551	1,850	1,800	1,005	992	-1.3
May	550	553	1,930	1,910	1,062	1,056	-0.6
June	551	549	1,900	1,880	1,047	1,032	-1.4
July	556	550	1,960	1,930	1,090	1,062	-2.6
August	555	548	1,970	1,940	1,093	1,063	-2.7
September	554	547	1,870	1,850	1,036	1,012	-2.3
October	554		1,870		1,036		
November	554		1,770		981		
December	554		1,820		1,008		
Annual	549		22,432		12,315		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

# Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	185	167	1,710	1,690	316	282	-10.8
California	1,845	1,772	1,775	1,730	3,275	3,066	-6.4
Colorado	130	119	1,850	1,880	241	224	-7.1
Florida	120	114	1,160	1,200	139	137	-1.4
Idaho	554	547	1,870	1,850	1,036	1,012	-2.3
Illinois	102	102	1,425	1,480	145	151	4.1
Indiana	166	168	1,550	1,620	257	272	5.8
Iowa	215	215	1,630	1,630	350	350	
Kansas	117	114	1,665	1,675	195	191	-2.1
Michigan	352	356	1,790	1,835	630	653	3.7
Minnesota	465	469	1,490	1,535	693	720	3.9
Missouri	111	105	1,100	1,110	122	117	-4.1
New Mexico	336	318	1,880	1,980	632	630	-0.3
New York	626	617	1,590	1,590	995	981	-1.4
Ohio	279	278	1,450	1,520	405	423	4.4
Oregon	115	114	1,590	1,605	183	183	
Pennsylvania	548	542	1,530	1,560	838	846	1.0
Texas	425	416	1,550	1,660	659	691	4.9
Utah	85	83	1,740	1,760	148	146	-1.4
Vermont	139	134	1,470	1,485	204	199	-2.5
Virginia	97	96	1,360	1,395	132	134	1.5
Washington	245	238	1,900	1,930	466	459	-1.5
Wisconsin	1,253	1,258	1,580	1,655	1,980	2,082	5.2
23 State Total	8,510	8,342	1,650	1,672	14,041	13,949	-0.7

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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